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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON GRAMSAT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the expenditure incurred under GRAMSAT scheme, especially in tribal districts during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of programmes transmitted under this scheme;

(c) whether the Government proposes to involve the tribal people in these programmes with a view to promoting tribal culture;

(d) if so,the details thereof; and

(e) if not,the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) In the last two years, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is incurring expenditure on Gramsat schemes.The expenditure is being incurred by Government of Gujarat, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Government of Orissa, Government of Karnataka on their Gramsat projects. ISRO's contribution is to provide the necessary bandwidth for these States and the expenditure of the bandwidth is approximately Rs.3 crores per year.

(b) The details of the programme transmitted by each of these are in the purview of the various State Governments,and generally they are in the areas of mass education fisheries, forest and environment and Anganwadi workers.

(c) & (d) The State Governments formulate the programmes to be transmitted on Gramsat

(e) network and include programmes to promote tribal culture.The details of these programmes are not available with ISRO.